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Current Economic Developments in New Mexico

Recently released economic data reflect a national economy which remains in the midst of a recession. Industrial production declined 0.8 percent in March and, with the exception of a temporary upturn in February, has now fallen steadily since last August. In addition, domestic auto sales in March stood at a depressed annual level of about 5 million autos, and housing starts during the same month registered a very low annual rate of 947,000 units. Also, retail sales declined in March following a moderate increase in February, and the nation's unemployment rate in March reached the post-war record high of 9 percent set in May 1975.

Despite these negative statistics, many economists expect the federal income tax cut and the increase in Social Security payments slated for this July to stimulate the national economy and result in an economic recovery beginning at that time. In addition, considerable moderation in inflation has recently occurred as illustrated by the actual decline of 0.1 percent in the March Consumer Price Index, the first such decline in 17 years. Thus, the rapid decline in the inflation rate should continue to boost consumer purchasing power in the coming months. Finally, the considerable gap between current interest rates and inflation is seen by many analysts as being large enough to provide room for a modest decline in interest rates which would undoubtedly contribute to stronger economic activity.

The New Mexico economy has registered somewhat stronger growth in recent months relative to the modest growth experienced in 1981. Total employment recorded an annual increase of 6.7 percent seasonally adjusted (SA) in February, while the state's civilian labor force grew by 5.9 percent (SA) on an annual basis during the same month. Consequently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined for the second consecutive month, falling to 7.1 percent in February. A negative development in February occurred with respect to the number of weekly new unemployment insurance claims which recorded a 15.6 percent (SA) yearly increase.

In the construction sector, the most recent data continue to show weakness in the residential subsector in contrast to healthy growth with regard to nonresidential construction activity. Plagued by mortgage interest rates which remain at historically high levels, residential building permits fell 11.4 percent (SA) in February compared to the February 1981 level. On the other hand, nonresidential and nonbuilding construction contracts increased in February on an annual basis by 40.4 and 44.7 percent, respectively.

The recent declines in statewide manufacturing employment have become more modest in the past three months. The number of manufacturing jobs in New Mexico totaled 33,600 (SA) in February which represents a slight yearly decline of 0.1 percent (SA), and follows annual declines in this category of 6.1 percent (SA) last December and 1.2 percent (SA) in January.

The state and federal income tax reductions which took effect last summer and fall in conjunction with the continued moderation in the inflation rate have apparently had a positive impact on consumer spending in the state as exhibited by employment statistics in the trade sector. Retail trade employment has registered increasingly stronger growth rates beginning in the second quarter of 1981, and in February registered an annual increase of 6.1 percent (SA). Wholesale trade employment increased during the same month by 8.5 percent.

Employment in the services sector increased in February on a year-to-year basis by 2.3 percent (SA) while employment in the transportation, communications and utilities sector recorded a small annual increase of 0.4 percent. In the public sector, small yearly increases were registered in February with respect to state and local government employment. However, federal government employment declined 3.8 percent compared to the February 1981 level, as the Reagan Administration continued to implement its plan to reduce the federal work force nationwide.

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Quarterly Averages 1981			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
1. GENERAL				
Civilian Labor Force[1] (000)	548.9	556.9	562.1	568.5
Seasonally Adjusted*	560.6	553.8	555.3	566.9
Total Employment[1] (000)	503.9	514.9	523.2	528.8
Seasonally Adjusted*	516.9	512.1	515.7	526.6
Unemployment[1] (000)	44.9	41.9	38.8	39.7
Seasonally Adjusted*	43.6	41.7	39.6	40.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.5	6.9	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted*	7.8	7.5	7.1	7.1
Weekly New Unemployment Insurance Claims	1,663.0	1,296.0	1,317.3	1,437.7
Seasonally Adjusted*	1,524.7	1,360.0	1,418.0	1,408.9
Nonagricultural Wage/Salary Employment[2] (000)	459.0	467.2	468.6	469.9
Seasonally Adjusted*	467.1	465.1	464.9	467.9
New Business Incorporations	199.0	225.3	214.3	na
Business Failure Liabilities ($000)	1,879.7	na	na	na
2. AGRICULTURAL RECEIPTS				
From Livestock and Products ($ mil.)	73.7	70.9	64.3	40.7
Seasonally Adjusted*	91.8	84.1	88.5	35.2
From Crops ($ mil.)	11.2	16.1	25.1	51.0
Seasonally Adjusted*	18.2	23.7	28.3	28.2
3. MINING PRODUCTION				
Petroleum (000 bbls.)	5,994.4	5,907.2	5,927.1	6,026.5
Natural Gas (bil. cu. ft.)	96.8	88.2	88.3	96.1
Seasonally Adjusted*	95.3	89.6	91.3	93.0
Copper Ore (000 tons)	13.6	14.9	14.0	14.2
Coal Production (000 short tons)	1,234.0	1,098.7	1,436.3	1,397.0
4. CONSTRUCTION				
Residential Building Permits ($ mil.)	14.6	15.4	13.8	9.5
Seasonally Adjusted*	15.3	15.0	12.3	10.6
Residential Construction Contracts ($ mil.)	27.1	35.0	33.3	22.3
Seasonally Adjusted*	29.7	34.9	29.3	23.8
Nonresidential Construction Contracts ($ mil.)	36.7	33.4	27.9	28.3
Nonbuilding Construction Contracts ($ mil.)	21.6	18.4	33.1	134.7
5. MANUFACTURING				
Employment[2] (000)	33.1	32.6	32.6	32.2
Seasonally Adjusted*	33.6	32.8	32.4	31.9
Average Weekly Hours	39.7	40.5	38.6	39.3
Seasonally Adjusted*	39.7	40.6	38.9	39.0

ECONOMIC INDICATORS (continued)

December 1981	January 1982	February 1982	Percentage Changes I 1980- I 1981-	II 1980- II 1981-	III 1980- III 1981-	IV 1980- IV 1981-	Dec. 80- Dec. 81-	Jan. 81- Jan. 82-	Feb. 81- Feb. 82-
573.8	571.5	570.2	3.3	2.3	2.4	4.6	6.7	2.2	5.8
576.4	588.4	582.5	2.9	2.1	2.8	4.7	6.5	2.2	5.9
533.0	527.2	527.5	2.2	2.0	3.1	5.3	7.2	2.5	6.7
534.6	546.3	541.0	1.7	1.9	3.5	5.5	7.0	2.5	6.7
40.8	44.3	42.7	18.3	5.4	- 5.4	- 3.5	0.0	- 0.4	- 4.3
41.8	42.1	41.5	19.1	5.1	- 5.6	- 3.9	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 4.1
7.1	7.5	7.8	14.4	2.7	- 7.6	- 7.9	- 6.6	- 6.2	- 6.0
7.3	7.2	7.1	15.8	2.9	- 8.1	- 8.2	- 6.1	- 2.6	- 9.3
1,534.0	2,227.0	1,685.0	9.1	-20.4	-15.8	-10.3	-12.6	11.4	15.3
1,390.8	1,665.7	1,617.1	11.8	-21.3	-16.9	-10.7	-14.8	11.5	15.6
470.8	461.2	471.7	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.0	2.9
468.5	473.0	479.9	- 0.1	0.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.0	2.9
na	na	na	- 4.3	14.2	0.9	na	na	na	na
na	na	na	179.7	na	na	na	na	na	na
25.3	na	na	-17.0	-12.7	-18.3	- 5.6	2.0	na	na
51.0	na	na	-27.7	-28.7	-33.2	27.0	36.2	na	na
40.8	na	na	-16.8	- 3.8	23.5	30.6	15.6	na	na
25.2	na	na	-15.2	-17.4	19.8	36.7	23.8	na	na
6,168.5	5,964.0	na	- 7.6	- 5.4	- 2.4	- 2.7	- 2.8	- 5.1	na
99.5	101.7	na	- 0.4	- 4.2	- 1.6	0.4	- 1.6	- 0.2	na
93.1	97.3	na	- 0.9	- 3.8	- 1.1	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.2	na
11.8	11.7	na	- 2.8	-10.2	21.4	10.3	-19.7	-14.8	na
1,420.0	1,413.0	1,563.0	- 0.1	-11.3	35.3	16.7	36.9	49.5	8.2
9.5	10.7	12.0	15.9	12.1	-41.7	-34.8	-20.9	-25.3	-11.6
10.6	11.7	14.4	16.6	14.3	-44.3	-37.6	-23.8	-25.0	-11.4
22.8	21.3	19.1	-10.8	42.8	-26.5	-42.2	-34.3	-22.1	-11.4
26.3	26.4	22.8	- 6.8	43.2	-29.7	-44.7	-43.3	-21.6	-11.5
23.8	29.7	32.1	64.3	2.8	-38.8	- 1.6	-44.9	54.1	40.4
341.0	10.6	30.1	54.3	-83.9	- 8.0	451.0	2,753.6	-42.1	44.7
31.9	33.2	33.0	- 4.3	- 5.2	- 4.1	- 5.2	- 6.2	- 1.2	0.0
31.8	33.7	33.6	- 4.7	- 5.3	- 3.8	- 5.1	- 6.1	- 1.2	- 0.1
40.6	38.1	38.7	- 0.4	2.8	- 2.7	- 2.6	0.5	- 4.5	- 1.8
40.0	38.1	38.8	- 0.2	2.6	- 2.8	- 2.5	0.3	- 4.5	- 1.8

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Quarterly Averages 1981			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
6. TRANSPORT./COMMUNIC./UTIL.				
Employment[2] (000)	28.9	29.0	28.8	29.4
7. TRADE				
Wholesale Employment[2] (000)	21.3	21.5	21.8	21.9
Retail Employment[2] (000)	79.2	82.1	85.1	87.1
Seasonally Adjusted*	81.4	82.3	83.7	86.1
Average Weekly Hours	34.9	35.5	36.0	34.7
8. FINANCE				
New Bank Loans ($ mil.)	238.8	254.7	272.7	264.7
Seasonally Adjusted*	242.8	257.0	270.9	260.9
Bank Demand Deposits ($ mil.)	925.8	982.5	950.7	1,102.6
Bank Time Deposits ($ mil.)	2,190.3	2,205.7	2,286.6	2,424.1
Total Savings Deposits at S&L's ($ mil.)	2,206.1	2,221.8	2,254.0	2,284.8
New Savings Received at S&L's ($ mil.)	168.6	166.1	193.0	192.1
9. SERVICES AND TOURISM				
Service Employment[2] (000)	91.3	93.4	94.2	90.8
Seasonally Adjusted*	93.7	93.0	91.1	92.1
Lodging Employment[2] (000)	9.3	9.7	10.4	9.6
Seasonally Adjusted*	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.8
Visits to National Parks/Monuments (000)	88.1	199.3	236.5	97.0
Seasonally Adjusted*	164.4	150.3	153.8	179.0
10. GOVERNMENT				
Federal Employment[2] (000)	36.3	37.7	37.7	35.9
State Employment[2] (000)	38.1	36.6	35.4	38.3
City and County Employment[2] (000)	52.7	52.5	49.7	52.5

* Seasonally adjusted figures are economic time series which have had seasonal variations removed with statistical processes. These purely seasonal variations include the effects of: the opening and closing of school, the annual pattern of seasons (especially applicable to agricultural data), holidays, and other annually recurring events which influence economic activity. By removing these seasonal variations from raw economic data, month-to-month analysis of trends and unusual fluctuations in economic activity is facilitated.

na Not available.

1 Number of persons by place of residence.

2 Number of jobs by place of work.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS (continued)

December 1981	January 1982	February 1982	Percentage Changes I 1980-I 1981	II 1980-II 1981	III 1980-III 1981	IV 1980-IV 1981	Dec. 80-Dec. 81	Jan. 81-Jan. 82	Feb. 81-Feb. 82
29.5	28.8	28.9	3.2	2.8	2.0	0.9	1.0	- 0.3	0.4
22.0	23.0	23.1	1.2	1.4	2.2	1.5	1.9	8.0	8.5
88.8	85.0	83.6	- 1.3	0.6	2.9	5.1	5.8	6.3	6.2
86.4	86.7	86.4	- 1.4	0.	3.1	4.9	5.5	6.3	6.1
34.5	34.8	34.3	1.9	1.3	0.3	- 1.9	- 2.8	- 2.0	- 0.6
288.2	237.4	350.4	-11.4	7.8	18.6	5.9	11.3	7.4	63.6
262.1	247.2	402.3	-10.8	7.8	17.3	8.1	13.9	9.2	63.6
1,163.7	1,081.6	1,103.6	- 5.6	- 1.4	- 3.7	6.8	9.3	18.4	19.1
2,464.1	2,441.1	2,511.4	14.1	9.8	13.7	15.6	16.9	16.4	12.1
2,295.8	2,300.4	na	11.2	9.7	7.8	6.1	4.9	4.7	na
174.2	212.1	na	- 7.4	2.8	1.1	6.8	3.0	4.5	na
91.1	92.8	93.4	1.5	1.4	0.3	1.8	1.9	2.8	2.3
92.7	96.2	95.8	1.0	1.5	0.6	2.1	1.6	2.8	2.3
9.4	9.7	9.7	0.7	1.0	2.4	- 0.3	- 1.0	4.3	4.3
9.9	10.3	10.4	1.0	0.8	2.8	- 0.9	- 1.1	4.4	4.2
82.8	62.3	68.8	18.5	10.2	10.0	24.0	6.9	- 9.1	-12.0
179.1	150.1	151.9	17.7	9.4	16.8	21.2	4.0	-12.0	-12.6
35.6	36.0	34.9	1.0	- 2.1	2.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.8
38.6	37.2	39.0	7.2	5.9	0.6	0.8	2.7	0.6	1.3
52.8	52.6	53.2	- 0.1	- 1.1	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6

Sources: New Mexico Employment Security Department: Sections 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10; Dun and Bradstreet, Inc.: Section 1; USDA Statistical Reporting Service: Section 2; Oil Conservation Commission: Section 3; New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Dept.: Section 3; Building Inspectors' reports, 19 cities: Section 4; F.W. Dodge Co. (a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc.): Section 4; Federal Power Commission: Section 6; Bank Report (36): Section 8; Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock: Section 8; United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service: Section 9.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES AND INDEXES OF SELECTED CATEGORIES
U.S. CITY AVERAGE
(1967=100)

	All Urban Consumers				Revised Series, Wage Earners and Clerical Workers			
			% Change				% Change	
	January 1982	February 1982	Feb. 81-Feb. 82	Jan. 82-Feb. 82	January 1982	February 1982	Feb. 81-Feb. 82-	Jan. 82-Feb. 82
ALL ITEMS	282.5	283.4	7.7	0.3	282.1	282.9	7.4	0.3
Food	281.0	283.3	4.6	0.8	281.1	283.4	4.4	0.8
Housing	306.1	307.3	9.4	0.4	305.6	306.7	9.3	0.4
Apparel & Upkeep	187.3	188.0	3.3	0.4	186.5	187.3	3.0	0.4
Transportation	289.9	288.0	6.3	- 0.7	291.6	289.6	6.4	- 0.7
Medical Care	313.4	316.2	11.9	0.9	312.0	314.9	10.7	0.9
Entertainment	229.2	231.2	6.7	0.9	226.1	228.1	6.1	0.9
Other Goods & Services	248.4	250.3	10.1	0.8	245.0	247.1	9.5	0.9

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, News.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION,
CONSTRUCTION, AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES
NEW MEXICO
(monthly averages)

	Average Weekly Hours			% Change	Average Hourly Earnings			% Change
	February 1982p	January 1982	February 1981	Feb. 81-Feb. 82	February 1982p	January 1982	February 1981	Feb. 81-Feb. 82
Mining	42.5	42.3	44.8	- 4.9	$ 10.37	$ 10.43	$ 9.50	9.2
Construction	36.5	34.8	36.1	1.1	10.04	10.41	9.84	2.0
Manufacturing	38.7	38.1	39.5	- 2.0	7.09	6.95	6.19	14.5
Durable Goods	38.7	38.1	41.2	- 6.1	7.61	7.53	6.48	17.4
Nondurable Goods	38.1	38.1	36.3	5.0	6.02	5.75	5.58	7.9
Communications & Utilities	40.9	40.9	40.8	0.2	9.07	9.05	8.26	9.8
Trade[1]	34.3	34.8	34.5	- 0.6	6.64	6.76	6.76	- 1.8
Banking	38.0	36.5	39.0	- 2.6	4.90	4.96	4.59	- 6.8

p Preliminary.
1 Excludes eating & drinking places.
Source: New Mexico Employment Security Department.

ESTIMATED CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

	New Mexico			Albuquerque SMSA[1]			Las Cruces SMSA[2]		
	February 1982p	January 1982r	February 1981r	February 1982p	January 1982r	February 1981r	February 1982p	January 1982r	February 1981r
Total Civilian Labor Force	570,200	571,500	561,700	208,100	209,000	209,700	36,082	35,420	35,570
Employment[3]	527,500	527,200	518,000	193,000	193,100	192,900	33,471	32,807	31,843
Unemployment	42,700	44,300	43,700	15,100	15,900	16,800	2,611	2,613	2,727
Percentage of Labor Force	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.6	8.0	7.2	7.4	7.9
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment	471,700	470,900	467,100	186,600	186,700	185,800	30,700	30,800	29,825
Mining	30,700	31,000	30,300	na	na	na	na	na	na
Contract Construction	30,200	30,600	31,100	11,000	10,900	11,400	1,675	1,675	1,750
Manufacturing	33,000	33,200	33,600	17,000	17,100	17,400	2,600	2,625	2,525
Durable Goods	20,300	20,500	20,400	11,900	11,900	12,100	na	na	na
Nondurable Goods	12,700	12,700	13,200	5,100	5,200	5,300	na	na	na
Transportation & Public Utilities	28,900	28,800	28,800	11,500	11,500	11,900	1,200	1,225	1,225
Trade	106,700	108,000	101,600	48,000	48,500	46,200	5,575	5,675	5,150
Wholesale	23,100	23,000	21,800	13,400	13,400	13,000	925	925	900
Retail	83,600	85,000	79,800	34,600	35,100	33,200	4,650	4,750	4,250
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	21,700	21,700	21,000	10,800	10,900	10,700	1,200	1,200	1,150
Services & Miscellaneous	93,400	92,800	92,600	46,300	46,100	44,300	4,200	4,200	4,150
Government	127,100	124,800	128,100	42,000	41,700	43,900	14,250	14,200	13,875
Federal	28,100	28,100	29,400	11,800	12,100	12,700	4,400	4,500	4,200
State	45,800	44,100	45,800	12,100	11,700	12,500	5,350	5,300	5,425
Local	53,200	52,600	52,900	18,100	17,900	18,700	4,500	4,400	4,250

na Not available, less than 50 jobs.
p Preliminary.
r Revised.
1 Albuquerque Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.
2 Las Cruces Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Dona Ana County.
3 Includes labor disputes.
Source: New Mexico Employment Security Department.

ALBUQUERQUE[1] BANKING DATA
(000s)

	February 1981	February 1982	% Change February 1981-February 1982
BANKS			
New Loans & Discounts	$ 103,380.7	$ 119,750.5	15.8
Demand Deposits	472,208.7	599,767.7	27.0
Time Deposits	1,166,141.8	1,292,119.5	10.8
SAVINGS & LOAN			
Savings Deposits	$ 1,009,100.0	$ 1,089,500.0[p]	8.0
New Savings Received	71,500.0	111,540.0[p]	56.0

p Preliminary.
1 Bernalillo County for bank information, Albuquerque SMSA for savings and loan data.
Source: Five reporting banks and Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock.

NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS--SELECTED CITIES

	Residential				Nonresidential			
	February 1981	February 1982	Cumulative Total Through February 1981	Cumulative Total Through February 1982	February 1981	February 1982	Cumulative Total Through February 1981	Cumulative Total Through February 1982
Alamogordo	8	4	17	6	1	8	3	16
Albuquerque	102	70	198	113	11	6	20	26
Artesia	6	6	8	18	0	1	7	2
Carlsbad	5	10	9	31	1	3	2	10
Clayton	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	0
Clovis	7	0	8	1	2	3	3	6
Deming	3	1	7	5	0	1	2	1
Farmington	29	14	61	19	4	3	5	10
Gallup	4	1	7	2	1	3	2	5
Grants	5	0	6	0	0	0	1	0
Hobbs	10	23	28	43	2	0	4	6
Las Cruces	15	18	32	26	3	4	10	32
Las Vegas	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	1
Lordsburg	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Portales	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Raton	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Roswell	5	17	12	42	2	2	2	7
Santa Fe	37	25	81	57	5	2	12	2
Tucumcari	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	240	192	481	370	35	37	77	124

Source: Individual reports by city building inspectors.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS--SELECTED CITIES

	Residential				Nonresidential			
	February 1981	February 1982	Cumulative Total Through February 1981	Cumulative Total Through February 1982	February 1981	February 1982	Cumulative Total Through February 1981	Cumulative Total Through February 1982
Alamogordo	$ 188,400	$ 130,838	$ 623,232	$ 255,638	$ 19,200	$ 281,000	$ 1,383,435	$ 669,150
Albuquerque	6,847,780	3,767,800	12,785,518	6,176,230	2,034,260	1,140,000	5,037,185	17,183,753
Artesia	528,000	210,000	596,000	671,500	0	15,000	363,800	16,000
Carlsbad	282,300	444,150	470,100	1,918,050	30,000	710,000	105,000	3,179,800
Clayton	0	0	74,706	12,000	45,000	0	45,000	0
Clovis	342,744	0	415,672	117,976	650,000	76,500	654,000	366,500
Deming	125,200	48,000	257,500	183,000	0	50,000	66,200	50,000
Farmington	1,178,897	489,822	2,485,819	685,358	403,546	158,410	565,229	1,043,182
Gallup	170,927	28,800	275,027	60,800	50,000	418,240	125,000	501,534
Grants	132,600	0	181,600	0	0	0	110,000	0
Hobbs	563,000	2,233,540	1,773,500	3,529,040	913,000	0	1,312,000	628,000
Las Cruces	638,000	985,600	1,190,500	1,377,600	505,000	169,000	757,700	2,492,329
Las Vegas	0	30,000	0	85,600	0	9,750	58,000	9,750
Lordsburg	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0
Portales	70,000	0	70,000	0	0	0	0	0
Raton	0	12,000	34,000	52,000	0	0	0	0
Roswell	226,722	799,640	679,722	1,997,783	225,000	56,000	225,000	251,359
Santa Fe	2,234,700	2,785,753	5,131,524	4,962,437	2,172,700	316,800	2,819,100	316,800
Tucumcari	55,218	22,800	55,218	22,800	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	$13,584,488	$11,988,743	$27,099,638	$22,107,812	$7,052,706	$3,400,700	$14,131,649	$26,708,157

Source: Individual reports by city building inspectors.

1980 Census of Population and Housing

This month's New Mexico Business census section consists of five tables taken from *Provisional Estimates of Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics* which was released by the Census Bureau in March 1982. These tables present provisional sample data from the 1980 census on social and economic characteristics such as income, employment, and education for the United States and New Mexico. (Information for the 49 other states is also contained in this Census Bureau report and is available from BBER's Data Bank.) The data on U.S. and New Mexico housing characteristics will be published in the May issue of New Mexico Business.

The data are based on a special subsample of the full census sample; this subsample represents 8 percent of the sample census questionnaires, or approximately 1.5 percent of the total population. The subsample was developed to give data users early access to characteristics of the population which were collected on a sample basis in the 1980 census. Hence, the figures in this report are provisional and may differ from those published in later reports based on the full sample.

For more information on census data contact Robyn Mewshaw at the Data Bank: 505/277-6626.

TABLE 1
General, Family, and Fertility Characteristics: 1980

	UNITED STATES	NEW MEXICO
URBAN AND RURAL		
TOTAL PERSONS	226 545 805	1 302 894
URBAN	167 554 594	962 655
INSIDE URBANIZED AREAS	139 374 966	535 093
OUTSIDE URBANIZED AREAS	28 179 628	427 562
RURAL	58 991 211	340 239
FARM	5 543 070	15 183
AGE		
TOTAL PERSONS	226 545 805	1 302 894
UNDER 5 YEARS	16 341 052	114 752
5 TO 9 YEARS	16 585 965	107 812
10 TO 14 YEARS	18 365 171	116 032
15 TO 19 YEARS	21 176 175	132 220
20 TO 24 YEARS	21 301 790	125 418
25 TO 29 YEARS	19 440 597	115 074
30 TO 34 YEARS	17 661 538	101 856
35 TO 44 YEARS	25 638 130	144 689
45 TO 54 YEARS	22 833 945	122 106
55 TO 59 YEARS	11 587 723	56 888
60 TO 64 YEARS	10 071 256	50 120
65 TO 74 YEARS	15 652 870	73 851
75 TO 84 YEARS	7 678 571	34 185
85 YEARS AND OVER	2 211 422	7 891
MEDIAN	30.0	27.4
FEMALE	116 484 862	661 000
UNDER 5 YEARS	7 987 808	56 299
5 TO 9 YEARS	8 087 108	54 048
10 TO 14 YEARS	8 995 619	55 958
15 TO 19 YEARS	10 413 597	65 292
20 TO 24 YEARS	10 646 657	62 868
25 TO 29 YEARS	9 793 926	58 749
30 TO 34 YEARS	8 921 598	49 882
35 TO 44 YEARS	13 064 790	73 634
45 TO 54 YEARS	11 858 540	62 873
55 TO 59 YEARS	6 096 239	30 189
60 TO 64 YEARS	5 383 337	25 636
65 TO 74 YEARS	8 858 382	40 780
75 TO 84 YEARS	4 819 919	19 667
85 YEARS AND OVER	1 557 362	5 145
MEDIAN	31.3	28.1
HOUSEHOLD TYPE AND RELATIONSHIP		
IN HOUSEHOLDS	220 830 874	1 279 952
FAMILY HOUSEHOLDER	58 975 810	335 462
NONFAMILY HOUSEHOLDER: MALE	9 139 235	50 325
FEMALE	12 322 704	58 398
SPOUSE	48 497 903	276 376
OTHER RELATIVES	85 582 395	526 804
NONRELATIVES	6 316 827	32 587
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	2.73	2.88
PERSONS PER FAMILY	3.27	3.39
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLDS		
HOUSEHOLDS	80 433 749	444 185
1 PERSON	18 222 238	92 289
2 PERSONS	25 151 422	130 980
3 PERSONS	13 962 220	77 543
4 PERSONS	12 398 290	71 879
5 PERSONS	6 227 664	38 490
6 OR MORE PERSONS	4 471 917	33 004
FAMILY TYPE BY PRESENCE OF OWN CHILDREN		
FAMILIES	58 975 810	335 462
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	30 292 806	189 501
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	48 642 379	279 579
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	24 501 054	154 322
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	8 321 734	44 009
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	5 029 954	29 667
MARITAL STATUS		
MALE, 15 YEARS AND OVER	83 839 270	469 603
SINGLE	25 074 755	133 299
NOW MARRIED, EXCEPT SEPARATED	50 518 621	291 306
SEPARATED	1 588 846	5 613
WIDOWED	2 125 493	9 589
DIVORCED	4 531 555	29 796
FEMALE, 15 YEARS AND OVER	91 414 347	494 695
SINGLE	21 037 493	109 462
NOW MARRIED, EXCEPT SEPARATED	50 138 720	285 991
SEPARATED	2 404 936	8 114
WIDOWED	11 231 965	49 665
DIVORCED	6 601 233	41 463
FERTILITY		
WOMEN 15 TO 44 YEARS	52 840 568	310 405
CHILDREN EVER BORN	68 757 405	454 322
PER 1,000 WOMEN	1 301	1 464

TABLE 2
Nativity, Language, Commuting, Educational, Veteran Status, and Disability Characteristics: 1980

	UNITED STATES	NEW MEXICO
NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH		
TOTAL PERSONS	226 545 805	1 302 894
NATIVE	212 589 728	1 248 713
BORN IN STATE OF RESIDENCE	144 558 269	666 876
BORN IN DIFFERENT STATE	65 825 932	572 944
BORN ABROAD, AT SEA, ETC.	2 205 527	8 893
FOREIGN BORN	13 956 077	54 181
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
PERSONS 5 TO 17 YEARS	47 451 236	301 696
SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH AT HOME	42 922 138	188 354
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME	4 529 098	113 342
SPANISH LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	2 947 051	86 698
SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL OR WELL	2 874 619	79 411
SPEAK ENGLISH NOT WELL OR NOT AT ALL	472 432	7 287
OTHER LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	1 582 047	26 644
SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL OR WELL	1 400 917	23 325
SPEAK ENGLISH NOT WELL OR NOT AT ALL	181 130	3 319
PERSONS 18 YEARS AND OVER	162 753 517	886 446
SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH AT HOME	144 509 205	546 136
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME	18 444 312	340 310
SPANISH LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	8 170 555	271 136
SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL OR WELL	5 879 301	239 127
SPEAK ENGLISH NOT WELL OR NOT AT ALL	2 291 254	32 009
OTHER LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	10 273 757	69 174
SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WELL OR WELL	8 922 069	57 250
SPEAK ENGLISH NOT WELL OR NOT AT ALL	1 351 688	11 924
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK AND PRIVATE VEHICLE OCCUPANCY		
WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER	96 526 946	513 612
CAR, TRUCK, OR VAN	81 350 944	449 964
DRIVE ALONE	62 275 065	345 932
CARPOOL	19 075 929	104 032
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	6 059 147	9 974
WALKED ONLY	5 354 846	27 241
OTHER MEANS	1 564 032	10 451
WORKED AT HOME	2 167 927	9 982
PERSONS PER PRIVATE VEHICLE	1.15	1.15
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
PERSONS 3 YEARS OLD AND OVER ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	62 134 476	361 806
NURSERY SCHOOL	2 405 219	11 220
PUBLIC	861 106	5 045
PRIVATE	1 544 113	6 175
KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY (1 TO 8 YEARS)	32 021 321	197 249
PUBLIC	28 303 589	185 878
PRIVATE	3 717 732	11 371
HIGH SCHOOL (1 TO 4 YEARS)	15 165 732	90 530
PUBLIC	13 839 735	85 202
PRIVATE	1 325 997	5 328
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED		
PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER	132 775 652	706 660
ELEMENTARY (0 TO 8 YEARS)	24 370 124	126 775
HIGH SCHOOL: 1 TO 3 YEARS	20 320 142	96 283
4 YEARS	45 691 481	242 123
COLLEGE: 1 TO 3 YEARS	20 800 462	117 389
4 OR MORE YEARS	21 593 443	122 090
PERCENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	66.3	68.2
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND LABOR FORCE STATUS		
PERSONS 16 TO 19 YEARS	17 105 415	106 028
ARMED FORCES	223 687	1 816
CIVILIAN	16 881 728	104 212
ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	11 982 393	66 282
NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	4 899 335	37 930
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	2 625 534	20 076
EMPLOYED	1 856 630	12 773
UNEMPLOYED	275 176	2 190
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	493 728	5 113
NOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	2 273 801	17 854
EMPLOYED	920 130	6 615
UNEMPLOYED	344 911	3 253
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	1 009 160	7 986
VETERAN STATUS		
CIVILIAN PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	109 648 097	921 271
VETERAN	28 505 632	159 502
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	16.8	17.3
MALE VETERAN	27 384 267	153 253
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN MALES 16 YEARS AND OVER	34.1	34.8
WORK DISABILITY STATUS		
NONINSTITUTIONAL PERSONS 16 TO 64 YEARS	144 560 822	819 451
WITH A WORK DISABILITY	12 402 995	70 563
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	7 705 682	44 445
PREVENTED FROM WORKING	6 401 149	35 809
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DISABILITY STATUS		
NONINSTITUTIONAL PERSONS 16 TO 64 YEARS	144 560 822	819 451
WITH A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DISABILITY	2 619 428	13 771
NONINSTITUTIONAL PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER	24 184 568	119 147
WITH A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DISABILITY	3 612 882	16 053

TABLE 3
Labor Force Characteristics: 1980

	UNITED STATES	NEW MEXICO
LABOR FORCE STATUS		
PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	171 182 857	938 106
LABOR FORCE	106 065 807	567 145
PERCENT OF PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	62.0	60.5
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	104 531 047	550 110
EMPLOYED	97 631 061	510 993
UNEMPLOYED	6 899 986	39 117
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	6.6	7.1
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	65 117 050	370 961
FEMALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER	89 435 850	482 414
LABOR FORCE	44 740 543	227 475
PERCENT OF FEMALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER	50.0	47.2
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	44 600 005	225 780
EMPLOYED	41 672 184	208 648
UNEMPLOYED	2 927 821	17 132
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	6.6	7.6
NOT IN LABOR FORCE	44 695 307	256 939
FEMALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER	89 435 850	482 414
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS	13 554 175	93 314
IN LABOR FORCE	6 211 979	40 114
WITH OWN CHILDREN 6 TO 17 YEARS ONLY	16 960 095	95 981
IN LABOR FORCE	10 713 045	55 741
CLASS OF WORKER, OCCUPATION, AND INDUSTRY		
EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	97 631 061	510 993
PRIVATE WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS	73 781 491	338 419
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS	3 784 035	41 727
STATE GOVERNMENT WORKERS	4 552 762	43 924
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS	8 369 001	46 308
SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS	6 617 700	37 620
UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS	506 072	2 995
EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	97 631 061	510 993
MANAGERIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY OCCUPATIONS	22 320 685	118 663
EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MANAGERIAL OCCUPATIONS	10 196 035	49 101
PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY OCCUPATIONS	12 124 650	69 562
TECHNICAL, SALES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OCCUPATIONS	29 484 636	151 053
TECHNICIANS AND RELATED SUPPORT OCCUPATIONS	3 013 725	18 721
SALES OCCUPATIONS	9 727 163	53 480
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OCCUPATIONS, INCLUDING CLERICAL	16 723 748	78 852
SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	12 680 131	71 009
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD OCCUPATIONS	563 644	2 766
PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	1 473 088	7 243
SERVICE OCCUPATIONS, EXCEPT PROTECTIVE AND HOUSEHOLD	10 643 399	61 000
FARMING, FORESTRY, AND FISHING OCCUPATIONS	2 758 089	15 862
PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR OCCUPATIONS	12 515 360	81 740
OPERATORS, FABRICATORS, AND LABORERS	17 892 160	72 666
MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS	9 120 394	23 896
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS	4 359 494	24 715
HANDLERS, EQUIPMENT CLEANERS, HELPERS, AND LABORERS	4 412 272	24 055
EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	97 631 061	510 993
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES, AND MINING	3 927 232	48 160
CONSTRUCTION	5 765 627	43 862
MANUFACTURING	21 798 171	42 550
NONDURABLE GOODS	8 338 885	17 200
DURABLE GOODS	13 459 286	25 350
TRANSPORTATION	4 230 987	17 000
COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES	2 826 010	19 969
WHOLESALE TRADE	4 250 145	18 974
RETAIL TRADE	15 795 183	87 782
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	5 821 955	25 397
BUSINESS AND REPAIR SERVICES	4 073 316	30 586
PERSONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION SERVICES	4 092 479	22 519
PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES	19 782 125	112 415
HEALTH SERVICES	7 194 558	33 244
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	8 445 564	56 018
OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED SERVICES	4 142 003	23 153
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	5 267 831	43 756
LABOR FORCE STATUS IN 1979		
MALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER, IN LABOR FORCE IN 1979	65 709 008	363 834
WORKED IN 1979	64 799 839	358 883
50 TO 52 WEEKS	43 023 835	237 080
40 TO 49 WEEKS	8 155 249	44 543
1 TO 39 WEEKS	13 620 755	77 260
USUALLY WORKED 35 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK	56 399 832	313 189
50 TO 52 WEEKS	40 451 510	223 323
WITH UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1979	11 800 675	61 616
MEAN WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT	14.5	14.5
FEMALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER, IN LABOR FORCE IN 1979	50 831 583	266 674
WORKED IN 1979	49 632 967	259 258
50 TO 52 WEEKS	25 195 152	125 324
40 TO 49 WEEKS	7 242 776	32 658
1 TO 39 WEEKS	17 195 039	101 276
USUALLY WORKED 35 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK	34 097 999	181 558
50 TO 52 WEEKS	20 343 818	103 300
WITH UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1979	10 006 798	53 554
MEAN WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT	13.5	13.6
PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER WITH UNEMPLOYMENT IN 1979	21 807 473	115 170
UNEMPLOYED 15 OR MORE WEEKS	7 589 793	39 390
WORKERS IN FAMILY IN 1979		
FAMILIES	58 975 810	335 462
NO WORKERS	7 549 060	44 179
1 WORKER	19 484 635	119 547
2 OR MORE WORKERS	31 942 115	171 736

TABLE 4
Income and Poverty Status in 1979: 1980

	UNITED STATES	NEW MEXICO
INCOME IN 1979		
HOUSEHOLDS	80 433 749	444 185
LESS THAN $5,000	10 602 495	66 247
$5,000 TO $7,499	6 427 456	41 906
$7,500 TO $9,999	6 391 051	39 715
$10,000 TO $14,999	12 352 784	75 608
$15,000 TO $19,999	11 378 390	64 002
$20,000 TO $24,999	9 972 264	51 182
$25,000 TO $34,999	12 712 171	59 508
$35,000 TO $49,999	6 208 594	29 799
$50,000 OR MORE	3 688 444	14 218
MEDIAN	16 830	14 734
MEAN	20 373	17 856
FAMILIES	58 975 810	335 462
LESS THAN $5,000	4 297 235	32 828
$5,000 TO $7,499	3 652 477	25 991
$7,500 TO $9,999	4 112 637	28 185
$10,000 TO $14,999	8 051 779	56 406
$15,000 TO $19,999	8 930 918	54 237
$20,000 TO $24,999	8 413 980	44 105
$25,000 TO $34,999	11 325 422	53 380
$35,000 TO $49,999	6 260 836	27 559
$50,000 OR MORE	3 330 526	12 771
MEDIAN	19 908	17 151
MEAN	23 177	20 022
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS 15 YEARS AND OVER	30 340 160	155 549
LESS THAN $2,000	4 302 204	27 408
$2,000 TO $2,999	2 572 178	16 015
$3,000 TO $4,999	5 229 252	24 146
$5,000 TO $7,999	5 069 986	29 357
$8,000 TO $9,999	2 605 308	13 094
$10,000 TO $14,999	4 836 299	22 661
$15,000 TO $24,999	4 207 544	16 606
$25,000 TO $49,999	1 284 547	5 180
$50,000 OR MORE	232 642	1 082
MEDIAN	6 714	5 866
MEAN	9 317	8 231
PER CAPITA INCOME	7 313	6 137
PER CAPITA INCOME, NONINSTITUTIONAL PERSONS	7 371	6 151
HOUSEHOLD INCOME TYPE IN 1979		
WITH EARNINGS	65 358 750	364 964
MEAN EARNINGS	20 773	18 018
WITH SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME	20 868 736	103 145
MEAN SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME	4 094	3 854
WITH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INCOME	6 527 299	35 734
MEAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INCOME	2 540	2 223
MEAN FAMILY INCOME IN 1979 BY WORKERS IN FAMILY IN 1979		
NO WORKERS	10 394	9 146
1 WORKER	19 947	16 739
2 OR MORE WORKERS	28 179	25 105
POVERTY STATUS IN 1979		
ALL INCOME LEVELS IN 1979		
FAMILIES	58 975 810	335 462
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	31 824 074	201 024
WITH RELATED CHILDREN 5 TO 17 YEARS	25 483 714	156 585
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	8 321 754	44 009
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	5 616 320	33 834
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS	2 161 150	13 790
HOUSEHOLDER 65 YEARS AND OVER	8 839 761	45 082
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED	27 745 929	140 779
65 YEARS AND OVER	7 715 618	33 636
PERSONS FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED	220 802 057	1 279 421
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	62 573 665	409 422
RELATED CHILDREN 5 TO 17 YEARS	46 436 125	295 563
60 YEARS AND OVER	34 156 276	164 147
65 YEARS AND OVER	24 262 624	119 147
INCOME IN 1979 BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		
FAMILIES	5 646 520	46 396
PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	9.6	13.8
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	4 239 024	37 125
WITH RELATED CHILDREN 5 TO 17 YEARS	3 353 140	29 647
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	2 533 560	17 708
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	2 272 341	16 241
WITH RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS	1 203 106	8 197
HOUSEHOLDER 65 YEARS AND OVER	767 726	7 931
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED	6 956 636	42 354
PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	25.1	30.1
65 YEARS AND OVER	2 244 181	12 619
PERSONS FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED	27 525 858	222 408
PERCENT BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	12.5	17.4
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	10 120 484	90 733
RELATED CHILDREN 5 TO 17 YEARS	7 200 810	63 923
60 YEARS AND OVER	4 579 433	31 788
65 YEARS AND OVER	3 554 175	25 681
INCOME IN 1979 BELOW SPECIFIED POVERTY LEVEL		
PERCENT OF PERSONS FOR WHOM POVERTY STATUS IS DETERMINED:		
BELOW 75 PERCENT OF POVERTY LEVEL	8.3	11.9
BELOW 125 PERCENT OF POVERTY LEVEL	17.0	23.9
BELOW 150 PERCENT OF POVERTY LEVEL	21.7	30.1
BELOW 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY LEVEL	31.8	41.8

TABLE 5
General, Social, and Economic Characteristics by Race and Spanish Origin: 1980

	UNITED STATES				NEW MEXICO			
	RACE[1]				RACE[1]			
	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	SPANISH[3] ORIGIN	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	SPANISH[3] ORIGIN
SEX AND AGE								
TOTAL PERSONS	189 079 281	26 504 985	3 697 542	14 588 876	976 119	24 020	8 536	477 222
MALE	92 092 208	12 524 921	1 803 799	7 264 473	482 014	...[2]	...[2]	235 871
FEMALE	96 987 073	13 980 064	1 893 743	7 324 403	494 105	...	...	241 351
UNDER 5 YEARS	12 734 868	2 435 299	320 309	1 661 736	75 617	...	...	51 243
5 TO 14 YEARS	27 645 962	5 166 973	623 307	3 019 031	153 856	...	...	98 737
15 TO 59 YEARS	116 743 268	15 962 692	2 431 758	8 902 380	605 449	...	...	286 096
60 TO 64 YEARS	8 992 659	851 520	107 389	304 065	43 399	...	...	11 087
65 YEARS AND OVER	22 962 504	2 086 501	214 779	701 664	97 798	...	...	30 077
FAMILY TYPE, PRESENCE OF OWN CHILDREN								
FAMILIES	50 447 534	6 092 694	827 548	3 287 852	262 382	...	...	111 850
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	24 925 548	3 714 375	509 049	2 229 040	138 468	...	...	75 473
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES	43 326 999	3 466 005	699 800	2 462 904	224 385	...	...	88 770
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	21 221 834	2 000 216	448 575	1 692 453	115 466	...	...	60 426
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRES.	5 589 730	2 273 057	89 910	650 763	30 241	...	...	17 866
WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS	3 135 915	1 564 583	50 937	472 490	19 922	...	...	12 504
YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED AND LABOR FORCE STATUS								
PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER	114 301 249	13 189 216	2 109 923	6 726 556	565 049	...	...	221 926
ELEMENTARY (0 TO 8 YEARS)	19 013 059	3 651 341	360 354	2 749 058	78 804	...	...	73 999
HIGH SCHOOL: 1 TO 3 YEARS	16 736 499	2 866 703	184 923	1 067 273	71 961	...	...	39 008
4 YEARS	40 628 258	3 802 235	507 750	1 607 312	200 652	...	...	74 050
COLLEGE: 1 TO 3 YEARS	18 306 564	1 762 720	370 753	788 094	101 534	...	...	20 055
4 OR MORE YEARS	19 616 869	1 106 217	686 143	514 819	111 988	...	...	14 814
PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OVER	145 447 381	18 306 962	2 698 040	9 580 102	728 665	...	...	316 420
LABOR FORCE	90 507 346	10 838 021	1 788 369	6 075 414	448 593	...	...	184 068
EMPLOYED	84 134 204	9 300 661	1 665 706	5 421 433	409 063	...	...	165 191
UNEMPLOYED	5 205 468	1 272 784	85 788	552 723	25 387	...	...	17 430
FEMALE, 16 YEARS AND OVER	75 742 475	9 918 999	1 407 850	4 860 804	374 426	...	...	162 411
LABOR FORCE	37 558 407	5 243 841	804 053	2 374 838	180 828	...	...	70 966
EMPLOYED	35 297 665	4 625 693	758 367	2 127 752	167 290	...	...	63 748
UNEMPLOYED	2 161 216	584 947	43 395	239 197	12 137	...	...	6 955
INCOME AND POVERTY STATUS IN 1979								
FAMILIES	50 447 534	6 092 694	827 548	3 287 852	262 382	...	...	111 850
LESS THAN $5,000	2 787 414	1 182 862	68 200	453 842	18 953	...	...	15 681
$5,000 TO $7,499	2 766 012	673 230	44 565	315 817	17 681	...	...	11 697
$7,500 TO $9,999	3 290 715	608 119	45 525	306 156	20 303	...	...	11 550
$10,000 TO $14,999	7 223 147	1 020 274	103 100	600 469	43 044	...	...	21 538
$15,000 TO $19,999	7 760 453	817 084	103 835	500 229	43 214	...	...	18 154
$20,000 TO $24,999	7 515 791	612 596	108 380	399 284	36 249	...	...	13 600
$25,000 TO $34,999	10 258 767	719 560	161 676	447 212	46 018	...	...	13 278
$35,000 TO $49,999	5 723 598	343 550	121 727	186 435	25 078	...	...	5 264
$50,000 OR MORE	3 121 637	115 439	70 540	78 408	11 842	...	...	1 088
MEDIAN ..... DOL.	20 840	12 618	22 075	14 711	18 607	...	...	13 800
MEAN ..... DOL.	24 279	15 721	25 681	17 360	21 573	...	...	15 789
PERSONS, POVERTY STATUS DETERMINED	184 431 365	25 661 955	3 610 970	14 343 741	959 530	...	...	470 851
INCOME IN 1979 BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	17 301 569	7 752 010	503 089	3 409 754	125 746	...	...	108 197

1. Data on American Indians will be released in 1983 as a separate Subject Report.
2. Detailed data for populations under 25,000 are not reported in this provisional release.
3. Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

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In summary, the New Mexico economy has recorded increasingly stronger growth in recent months, fueled primarily by stronger growth in the large trade and services sectors of the state economy. In addition, declines in manufacturing employment have moderated over the past three months and consequently this has had less of a negative impact on statewide economic growth. The upcoming federal income tax cut scheduled for July should act to stimulate the state economy beginning in the second half of this year, while the prospect of continued abatement in the inflation rate remains quite promising and thus should benefit real income growth in New Mexico. Also, many economists anticipate a modest decline in interest rates during the next few months due to continued improvement on the inflation front. Should this interest rate scenario actually develop, economic activity in New Mexico, particularly with respect to the construction and manufacturing industries, can be expected to improve. Finally, inceased hiring by various manufacturing firms in the Albuquerque area begining later this year should contribute to stronger growth in the near future.

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